



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2178

Arizona silver-haired legislature

Prime Sponsor: Representative Gabaldón, LD 2

DP Committee on Government and Higher Education

DPA Committee on Appropriations

DPA Caucus and COW

X House Engrossed

OVERVIEW

HB 2178 establishes the Arizona Silver-Haired Legislature (Legislature).

PROVISIONS

1. Establishes the Legislature consisting of a nonpartisan panel of elected citizens who are at least 60 years of age and who are elected by their peers.
2. Requires the Legislature to:
 - a. identify various issues and concerns affecting all Arizona citizens;
 - b. provide seniors with a valuable forum to discuss policy alternatives and possible solutions while acknowledging limitations imposed by budget constraints, tax implications and fiscal impacts;
 - c. demonstrate the benefits of direct participation in the legislative process while fostering a better understanding and awareness of legislative procedure among individuals of all ages;
 - d. promote effective government;
 - e. actively seek private funding and corporate sponsorship; and
 - f. annually submit recommendations to the Governor, President of the Senate (President) and Speaker of the House of Representatives (Speaker).
3. Allows the President and the Speaker to present issues to the Legislature for deliberation.
4. Terminates the Legislature on July 1, 2024.

CURRENT LAW

Not currently addressed in statute.